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September 30, 2003

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Sacramento, California 95814  
Attn: Initiative Coordinator

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**Re: California Recall Reform Initiative**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

Enclosed herewith please find a proposed initiative measure relating to an increase in the required signature percentages necessary to effect a recall election of certain California government officials. I am the proponent and hereby request that a title and summary be prepared for this initiative measure. Enclosed herewith also is the required acknowledgment and confidential voter registration address of the proponent, together with a check for \$200.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me: (i) by mail, at 6501 Crown Boulevard, Suite 106, PMB E11, San Jose, California 95120, Attn: Mr. Carey Chern, or (ii) by phone, at (415) 305-6763.

Sincerely yours,

Carey Chern

Enclosures

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I, Carey C. Chern, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Carey Chern, Proponent

Dated this 30th day of September, 2003

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**INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED  
DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS**

**The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:**

[Here set forth the title and summary prepared by the Attorney General. This title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear.]

To the Honorable Secretary of State of California

We the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of \_\_\_\_\_ County (or City and County), hereby propose amendments to Article II of the Constitution of California and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional amendments read as follows:

**California Recall Reform Initiative**

**Section 1.** The people of the State of California find and declare all of the following:

- (a) The required signature percentages necessary to effect a recall election of the California elected governmental officials set forth in Section 14(b) of Article II of the California Constitution is currently too low.
- (b) There is a risk that the State of California may degenerate into a "perpetual recall election" process that would significantly and adversely affect the citizens of this State.
- (c) The changes proposed by this initiative measure would significantly lessen the chances of having "perpetual recall elections" by appreciably increasing the number of signatures necessary to effect a recall election, particularly for statewide officers.

**Section 2.** Section 14(b) of Article II of the California Constitution is hereby amended as follows (additions in bold and double underlined; deletions in strikethrough):

“A petition to recall a statewide officer must be signed by electors equal in number to ~~12~~ **25** percent of the last vote for the office, with signatures from each of 5 counties equal in number to 1 percent of the last vote for the office in the county. Signatures to recall Senators, members of the Assembly, members of the Board of Equalization, and judges of courts of appeal and trial courts must equal in number ~~20~~ **25** percent of the last vote for the office.”

**Section 3.** If any one or more provisions of this initiative measure is, for any reason, held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this initiative measure shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.